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*Dear Respondent:*

*This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the April 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.*

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Sincerely,

William R. Meyer  
Director

### Idaho Milk Production up 7.7 Percent

Idaho milk production during March 2006 totaled 893 million pounds, a 7.7 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 103 million pounds from February 2006. Revised production for February 2006 totaled 790 million pounds, down 5 million pounds from the preliminary estimate but 7.6 percent above February 2005. Average milk production per cow in March 2006 was 1,880 pounds, up 210 pounds from February 2006, and unchanged from March 2005. The average number of milk cows during March was 475,000 head, up 2,000 head from February 2006, and up 34,000 head from March 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 5.5 percent from March 2005. February revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 5.9 percent from February 2005.

The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,773 pounds for March, 66 pounds above March 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.22 million head, 124,000 head more than March 2005, and 17,000 head more than February 2006.

### Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2005-2006

Month	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	436	473	1,830	1,830	798	866	8.5
February*	437	473	1,680	1,670	734	790	7.6
March	441	475	1,880	1,880	829	893	7.7
April	443		1,850		820		
May	445		1,930		859		
June	451		1,900		857		
July	460		1,960		902		
August	468		1,940		908		
September	469		1,850		868		
October	470		1,870		879		
November	471		1,790		843		
December	472		1,830		864		
Annual	455		22,332		10,161		

\* 2006 Revised.

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, March 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	164	166	2,080	2,170	341	360	5.6
California	1,744	1,785	1,850	1,920	3,226	3,427	6.2
Colorado	102	107	1,925	1,980	196	212	8.2
Florida	139	133	1,640	1,600	228	213	-6.6
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Illinois	105	104	1,670	1,720	175	179	2.3
Indiana	156	163	1,700	1,775	265	289	9.1
Iowa	191	200	1,795	1,810	343	362	5.5
Kansas	110	111	1,810	1,840	199	204	2.5
Kentucky	107	101	1,140	1,220	122	123	0.8
Michigan	309	315	1,825	1,900	564	599	6.2
Minnesota	455	450	1,570	1,630	714	734	2.8
Missouri	119	115	1,400	1,500	167	173	3.6
New Mexico	322	347	1,790	1,910	576	663	15.1
New York	648	649	1,570	1,630	1,017	1,058	4.0
Ohio	268	273	1,520	1,550	407	423	3.9
Oregon	121	121	1,640	1,610	198	195	-1.5
Pennsylvania	560	555	1,600	1,700	896	944	5.4
Texas	318	328	1,795	2,000	571	656	14.9
Vermont	143	143	1,595	1,610	228	230	0.9
Virginia	105	103	1,495	1,560	157	161	2.5
Washington	239	238	2,020	1,980	483	471	-2.5
Wisconsin	1,233	1,241	1,560	1,620	1,923	2,010	4.5
<b>23 STATE</b>							
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,099	8,223	1,707	1,773	13,825	14,579	5.5

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2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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